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SUBJECT: NON-ALIGNED BROADCASTERS MEETING, SARAJEVO,
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FOLLOWING REPEAT STATE 255579 SENT ACTION BELGRADE INFO
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REFS: (A) BELGRADE 7202 AND PREVIOUS; (B) STATE 249588 AND
PREVIOUS

1. DEPT APPRECIATES BACKGROUND IN REFTEL A.
2. HERewith GUIDANCE, AREAS OF DEPT INTEREST IN SUBJECT
MEETING: NON-ALIGNED NEWS AGENCIES POOL (NANAP) MOVEMENT
HAS NOT RPT NOT PROVED TO BE THE THREAT IT INITIALLY
SEEMED TO REPRESENT. FACTION FAVORING PRACTICAL ACTION,
I.E., PUTTING TOGETHER WORKING MECHANISM FOR COOPERATIVE
NEWS GATHERING AND DISSEMINATION, HAS THUS FAR PREVAILED
OVER THOSE DESIRING TO SUPPLANT OR EXCLUDE WESTERN NEWS
SERVICES. PROMINENT U.S. MEDIA SPOKESMEN STATE PUBLICLY
THEY DO NOT OPPOSE IDEA OF COMPLEMENTARY THIRD WORLD NEWS
AGENCIES, SO LONG AS THEY ARE NON-RESTRICTIVE AND NON-
EXCLUSIONARY.
3. USG ATTITUDE SHOULD REFLECT THIS APPRAISAL AND A
POSTURE OF FRIENDLY INTEREST SHOULD BE ADOPTED IN CONTACTS
WITH PARTICIPANTS. AS OPPORTUNITY PERMITS, POSSIBILITY OF
CULTIVATING CONTINUING DIALOGUE WITH NANAP MAY BE RAISED
IN A GENERAL AND UNSPECIFIC WAY. WE SHOULD BE CAREFUL,
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HOWEVER, TO AVOID ANY SUGGESTION OF INTRUSION INTO NON-
ALIGNED AFFAIRS. IT MAY BE NOTED THAT ANY INSTITUTIONAL
COOPERATION BETWEEN NANAP AND WESTERN NEWS SERVICES WOULD
MOST LIKELY DEVELOP BETWEEN MEDIA SECTORS AND THUS WOULD
NOT INVOLVE USG. IF QUESTION OF POSSIBLE USG
ASSISTANCE TO NANAP BROADCASTERS IS RAISED, RESPONSE
SHOULD BE THAT QUESTION OF ASSISTANCE BEST PURSUED THROUGH
MULTILATERAL CHANNELS. CONSISTENT WITH LOW PROFILE AT
MEETINGS, U.S. OFFICERS SHOULD CONVEY U.S. CONCERN ABOUT

REPORTS OF MISTREATMENT OF JOURNALISTS AND RESTRICTING
LEGITIMATE ACCESS TO NEWS SOURCES BY SOME THIRD WORLD
COUNTRIES. ALTHOUGH NANAP MOVEMENT MAY CLAIM TO HAVE NO
CONTROL OVER POLICIES OF MEMBER COUNTRIES, WE SHOULD MAKE
CLEAR THAT HARASSMENT OF JOURNALISTS IS INCONSISTENT WITH
FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLE OF FREE FLOW OF INFORMATION AND
COULD INHIBIT COOPERATION BETWEEN U.S. AND THIRD WORLD NEWS
MEDIA.

4. DEPT WOULD APPRECIATE COPIES OF ALL OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS
AND REPORTS EMANATING FROM CONFERENCE. REPORTS OF
FACTIONALISM AND DISSONANCE WOULD BE USEFUL IN DETER-

MINING WHETHER MODERATE/PRAGMATIC PARTICIPANTS OR RADICAL/
DOCTRINAIRE GROUP IN ASCENDANCY. EXISTENCE OR SALIENCE
OF ANTI-U.S. RHETORIC SHOULD BE REPORTED.

5. OPERATIONALLY, DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED MODUS OPERANDI
WOULD BE APPRECIATED. LIKEWISE, WHETHER INTELSAT,
INTERSPUTNIK OR SYMPHONIE SATELLITES DISCUSSED AS
DELIVERY SYSTEMS; POSSIBLE INTERFACE WITH EUROVISION AND
VISNEWS.

6. FINALLY, DEPT WOULD APPRECIATE NOTING WHICH PERSONS
ESPECIALLY CORDIAL OR HELPFUL. VANCE

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